

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PROCLAMATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker,

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mrs. Melody Poole Ellis has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Dunaire Elementary, and as a beloved daughter, mother, wife and friend; and

Whereas, Mrs. Ellis has been chosen as the 2012 Teacher of the Year, representing Dunaire Elementary school; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Mrs. Ellis is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Melody Poole Ellis for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2012 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 25, 2012, as Mrs. Melody Poole Ellis Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of April, 2012.

REGARDING MAY 9, 2012
"PRESENT" VOTE ON H.R. 4133

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 11, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support Israel, its rights as a nation, and its unequivocal right to defend itself. I fully support the provisions of this resolution aimed at strengthening Israel's defensive military capabilities. Unfortunately, this resolution also contains overly broad provisions that go well beyond support for those defensive capabilities. Specifically, I am concerned about provisions that include the terms "defensive articles" and "defensive services" and "specialized munitions," which security experts understand to include a vast array of offensive weapons, including bunker-buster bombs. The increased militarization of the Middle East could endan-

ger Israel's security and is a source of regional and global instability. While the bill enumerated ways the U.S. can lend military support to Israel, there was not an emphasis on achieving a negotiated peace with its neighbors. No amount of American military assistance will fully compensate for the lack of a productive and effective peace process. This bill was a missed opportunity for Congress to show balanced support for a comprehensive peace plan. The neglected Israeli-Palestinian peace process must be given stronger support by the United States, and this bill reflects the lack of U.S. leadership in achieving a lasting peace. Because of these flawed provisions, I voted present on H.R. 4133.

HONORS TEMPLE EMANUEL ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many who have gathered in celebration of Temple Emanuel's 50th Anniversary. This milestone is a very special occasion, not only for the administration and members, but for the community as well.

Founded in 1962, Temple Emanuel was the vision of a group of families seeking a better quality of Jewish education for their children and an experience different from what they had found in more typical Reform congregations. Chartered by the Union of American Congregations in 1966, Temple Emanuel, under the direction of Rabbi Mark Winer, found its home on what was originally a working farm. While awaiting the construction of its sanctuary, congregants first used the barn for services and the property's home was used for the offices and as a school building.

Working with members knowledgeable in architecture, design, and finance, their Temple Emanuel's current sanctuary was completed in 1991. Rabbi Winer had introduced the concept of "services in the round," so the new sanctuary was built with movable seating to fit any occasion. Services were participatory, with animated discussion and a self published Siddur, the traditional Jewish prayer book. Rabbi Brieger, Temple Emanuel's second rabbi, continued this style of worship. A former song leader with the North American Federation of Temple Youth and codirector of the International Torah Corps, Rabbi Brieger had strong roots in the Reform movement and excellent musical skills. Under his direction, and through song and communal prayer, Temple Emanuel's congregation developed its unique style and strengthened their connection to Judaism. Temple Emanuel is currently led by Rabbi Michael Farbman who came to the congregation following Rabbi Brieger's retirement in 2009. With his dynamic guitar playing services and the creation of the Temple Emanuel

Band, whose members range from middle school to retirement age, Rabbi Farbman continues the strong musical influence of his predecessors while bringing a new joy and energy to the congregation's worship.

In addition to their religious dedication, the congregants of Temple Emanuel are also deeply concerned with their community and their work on behalf of others extends far beyond the walls of their synagogue. Their members collect and donate food to local food pantries several times a year, they have been involved with Sister City projects, and have participated in Abraham's Tent—an effort to address homelessness in which congregations volunteer to provide meals and overnight shelter to twelve homeless men for the duration of their week, alleviating overcrowding in the shelters and demonstrating support for the homeless members of our communities—since its inception. Temple Emanuel's religious school students have regular Tzedakah projects which include making gift baskets for children residing in domestic violence shelters, collecting books and school supplies for area children's programs, and raising money for animal shelters. Through all of these efforts and more, the members of Temple Emanuel have touched the lives of thousands of people in need—setting an example of service to which we should all strive.

Our houses of worship play a vital role in our communities—providing people with a place to turn to for comfort when they are most in need. In its first fifty years, there have been many who have worshiped within its halls and many who have found peace and strength in the outstretched arms of Temple Emanuel. It is with my deepest thanks and appreciation for all of their good work that I stand today to pay tribute to Temple Emanuel as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Their contributions have left an indelible mark on our community and a legacy that will live on for generations to come.

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Whereas, Fifty years ago, DeKalb County, Georgia, was blessed with an educational institution that continues today to uplift and assist citizens in gaining knowledge to enhance their lives and the lives of others by investing in dreams; and

Whereas, In 1961, DeKalb Area Vocational School—now Georgia Piedmont Technical College—was founded to promote a student-centered environment for lifelong learning and development, encompassing academic and technical education for employment in a global community here in DeKalb County, Georgia, to service the citizens of DeKalb County and nearby communities; and

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